



Maj Chris Janecek reported to MCRD San Diego in January 1995 and earned the title Marine on 21 April 1995. After he completed Marine Combat Training, Small Arms Repair Technician school and Airborne School he served as an Armorer for 3D ANGLICO in Long Beach, CA and a Platoon Sergeant with MWSS 471(-) in Fort Worth, TX. Sergeant Janecek received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1998.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in August 1998 and following his completion of the Basic School he reported to Flight School in Pensacola, FL for basic flight training. First Lieutenant Janecek was designated a Naval Aviator in February of 2001. After flight school he reported to HMM(T)-164 and completed Replacement Aircrew Training in the CH-46E.

First Lieutenant Janecek reported to Miramar California and joined the "Greyhawks" of HMM-161. He was assigned to the Maintenance Department, serving as the Tool Room and Ordnance OIC. While HMM-161(REIN) deployed with the 15<sup>th</sup> MEU(SOC) he participated in the initial invasion of Iraq. The following year, Captain Janecek deployed as the Aviation Safety Officer to Al Taqaddum, Iraq as HMM-161 stood up the CASEVAC mission for the Sunni Triangle.

After he completed Tactical Air Control Party school he reported to First Marine Division in 2005 and was assigned to Third Battalion First Marines. As a Forward Air Controller he deployed with the "Thundering Third" to Haditha, Iraq and conducted counter insurgency operations in the Haditha triad and riverine operations toward Syria. Capt Janecek also served as the Air Officer and the Senior Watch Officer.

In 2006 Capt Janecek reported to Marine Air Group 39 and served as an Instructor Pilot with the 'Knightriders' of HMM(T)-164. In addition to being an instructor pilot he served as the Flight Officer and the Flightline Division OIC until he was selected for duty with HMX-1 in 2008.

Capt Janecek reported to the 'Nighthawks' of HMX-1 and was soon promoted to his present rank of Major. He served as the NATOPS Officer and CH-46E Standardization Pilot his first year conducting conversion training. He later served in Operations as a schedule writer and was later designated a White House HAC and also served as a White House Liaison Officer until his departure in 2012.

Maj Janecek reported to the Military Observer Group – Washington in 2012 for duty as a Staff Officer in the United Nation Missions in South Sudan (UNMISS). He served as the Air Operations Officer supporting all ground forces in UNMISS.

Upon his return from South Sudan in 2013, Maj Janecek joined HMM-364 and initially served as the Director of Safety and Standardization. Finally as the Executive Officer of the 'World Famous Purple Foxes' of VMM-364

He is currently assigned to Marine Corps Installations West/ Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton serving as the Aviation Officer within the Operations and Plans section.

Maj Janecek's personal decorations include the Single Mission Air Medal with combat V, Air Medal with strike/ flight numeral 7, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy/ Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, Navy/ Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, and the Presidential Service Badge.